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SUBJECT: INTERESTS IN SHRIMP FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA

REF: (A) 76 EC BRUSSELS 12357 (NOTAL) (B) EC BRUSSELS 1542

1. AN OFFICIAL IN THE EC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT INFORMED THE MISSION THAT THE SURINAM AMBASSADOR HAS APPROACHED THE EC COMMISSION REGARDING FISHING FOR SHRIMP BY SURINAMIAN REGISTERED BOATS IN THE 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED BY FRANCE OFF FRENCH GUIANA. HE REPORTED THAT THE EC COMMISSION (LARGELY AT FRENCH URGING) IS CONSIDERING A POSSIBLE TRILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EC (WHICH IS COMPETENT FOR FISHERY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION POLICY OFF FRENCH GUIANA), BRAZIL AND SURINAM WHICH WOULD COVER EXPLOITATION OF SHRIMP, WHICH ARE HIGHLY MIGRATORY, OFF THE COASTS OF THE THREE STATES. HE NOTED THAT
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THE COMMISSION AT PRESENT IS NOT PREPARED TO EXTEND SUCH AN AGREEMENT (WHICH WOULD COVER BOATS REGISTERED IN BRAZIL, SURINAM AND FRENCH GUIANA) TO VESSELS REGISTERED IN OTHER COUNTRIES (E.G. PANAMA, JAPAN OR KOREA) REGARDLESS OF THE OWNERSHIP OF SUCH VESSELS.

2. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS ALSO RECENTLY APPROACHED THE EC

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COMMISSION REGARDING A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT TO COVER SHRIMP
FISHING OFF FRENCH GUIANA. IT HAS BEEN TOLD, AS WERE THE
JAPANESE EARLIER (REF B), THAT THE EC COMMISSION IS NOT AUTHORIZED
BY THE EC COUNCIL TO NEGOTIATE SUCH AN AGREEMENT AT PRESENT.
THE EC COMMISSION ALSO HAS DOUBTS THAT THERE WOULD BE A SHRIMP
SURPLUS OFF FRENCH GUINEA FOR NON-EC FISHERMEN WHO ARE UNABLE
TO OFFER RECIPROCITY. IN VIEW OF APPARENT BRAZILIAN RELUCTANCE
REGARDING SUCH FISHING AGREEMENTS AND EC PREOCCUPATION WITH HIGHER-
PRIORITY AGREEMENTS IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC, OUR EC SOURCES
FEEL THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SURINAM AND BRAZIL FOR FISHING
RIGHTS OFF FRENCH GUIANA WILL PROCEED SLOWLY. HINTON UNQUOTE
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